



VFW
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VFW POST 10216 POST MEETING MINUTES AND NEWSLETTER

**“VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, POST 10216, SONGTAN, KOREA”
COLONEL LEWIS L. MILLETT - HILL 180 MEMORIAL POST 10216**



**BEST POST IN PACIFIC AREAS
2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-13 & 2013-14, 2015 - 2016**

These are the minutes from Post 10216 meeting held on Monday, 10 July 2017. There were 22 Post members in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, Commander Max presented to the Commander, 3 BCD, Colonel Hensley (with Lt Col Demasi in attendance), a replica of our Colonel Lewis L Millett Statue. This is a replacement and donation to the 3 BCD for the one that was broken.



Opening Ceremonies: The meeting opened at 1840. Chaplain Billy Q led us in our opening prayer and Commander Max led the Post in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Distinguished Guests and Past Post 10216 Commanders:

*Current (and past) District 3 Commander, Past Post Commander, Past Department Surgeon, and current Department Councilman **Ron Davis**

*Past Department Surgeon, Chaplain, Past District Commander and Chaplain, 3 time Past Post Commander **Billy Quintero**

*2-time Past Post Commander, current District 3 Chaplain **Ernie Lee**

*Past Post Commander **Dan Delaney**

Visiting to our Post: Past Commander Post 1193, Lawton, Ok **Robert Chatman**

Congressional Charter: Members recited Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter Incorporating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

“The purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.”

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander Warren Maxon: Present
SVC Leon Ellison: Present
JVC Owen Powell: Present
Quartermaster Ron Davis: Present
Surgeon Dan Delaney: Present
Chaplain Billy Q: Present
Advocate Jim Yarbough: Present
Adjutants Ernie / Dan: Present/Present
Service Officer John Lee: Excused
Trustee 1-Year Mark Narkon: Present
Trustee 2-Year Terrance Smith: Present
Trustee 3-Year Jose Garcia: Present
HRC Chairman H. “Mao” Van Hazel: Excused
Officer-of-the-Day / Guard Jose Garcia: Present
Community Activities Chairman / Public Relations / MAP Ernie Lee: Present
Youth Activities Doc Higgins: Excused
Cub Scout Council Representative: Vacant
Boy Scout Representative Joel Bickle: Absent
Voice of Democracy / Patriot’s Pen Doc Higgins: Excused
POW/MIA Shannon Sutton (Kombae): Excused
Hill 180 Committee Chairman Ernie: Present
Loyalty Day Parade Chairman Ron Davis: Present
Buddy Poppy Chairman Ron Davis: Present
Americanism Chairman Billy Q: Present
Women in the Military Jessica Martinez: Present
“First Responders” Special Projects Doc Higgins: Excused
VFW Motorcycle Riders Chairman: H. “Mao” Van Hazel: Excused
Safety Chairman Jessica Martinez: Present
USO Representative Ernie: Present

Reading of New Members and Induction Ceremony:

Ron read a list of our 4 newest members (Andrew Schwallie, Robert Lucas, Samuel Reilly, and Ethan Troutman) since the June membership meeting. SVC Leon made a motion to accept into the VFW, subject to review of the investigating committee; 2nd by Dan. Motion carried. New members were present and formally inducted by Commander Max.



Post Meeting Minutes: June meeting minutes were disseminated via email, at www.vfw10216.com Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction; 2nd by Billy Q. Motion carried. They have been posted to our Post website at www.vfw10216.com and Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/VFW10216/>

Bills: A motion was made by SVC Leon and a 2nd by Owen to reimburse Rikki Rice \$75.00 for the VFW/Retiree Appreciation Plaque presented to Dr. Kim for his services and support to the retired community.

Quartermaster Ron Davis: Ron presented the audit endorsed by all Trustees. Our bottom line at NFCU reported in the minutes is \$22,403.89. The audit is posted at the Post on the bulletin board above the PC.

Reading of incoming communications: None

Report of Service Officer John Lee: Excused.

Comrade(s) in Distress: Chaplain Billy Q asks all to keep in your thoughts and prayers those members and family members undergoing medical reviews, surgeries, etc. He ask that we remember those missing in Japan after flooding and the seven military members whose lost lives to date in the war in Afghanistan. A special prayer to Ron Colwell (recovering from surgery and doing well, and Past Department Commander "Bear" Hudson recovering from a stroke).

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Senior Vice Commander Report on Membership Statistics (MemStats) by SVC Leon Ellison:

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
55	10216	3	981	131	9	71	1192	1178	101.18%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		36	248	41.53%

MemStats (as of 5 June)

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
55	10216	3	983	137	9	89	1218	1178	103.39%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		38	248	49.19%

As of the end of the 2016 - 2017 VFW Year

Junior Vice Commander Report on Community Service Reports (CSR) by JVC Owen Powell:

		TOTALS		\$0.00	\$0.00	30	131	638	\$ 279.32
Total Projects = 13				Buy	Sold	Vol	Hours	Miles	Total
				Poppies					

June CSR Summary - Send all CSR activities to JVC Owen Powell @ owenpow42@gmail.com

Advocate Report / Jim Yarbough: Nothing to report (NTR)

Surgeon's Report / Dan Delaney: NTR

Buddy Poppy Report / Ron Davis: New Buddy Poppies have been ordered from Department. The next drive will be Veterans Day. Dan/Ernie will submit a request to Legal for participation at the Main Gate and USO.

Public Relations Officer & Community Affairs / Ernie Lee:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	REMARKS	LOCATION
Ongoing	USO Events		https://korea.uso.org/uso-osan-air-base	
20 July	USO Lunch on the go	1100 - 1300	Need volunteers to serve	USO
22 July	Disability Claim Application Process Briefing	1400-?	Membership Invited	VFW
5 August	District 3 Meeting	1200-1600	District 3 Officers and VFW guests	K-16
9-10 September	Korean/American Festival	All Day and Night	Need lots of Volunteers	VFW

Social Media: Check out our sites:

- World Wide Web - <http://vfw10216.com/> (Meeting Minutes posted here)
- Facebook Post Page - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/VFW10216?fref=ts>

Americanism / Billy Q: Continue to keep our men and women who gave their lives for Freedom in our hearts and prayers. Remember, you can pray anywhere, anytime.

Hill 180 Ceremony Chairman Ernie: Closed for this year

Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit / Ernie Lee: None.

Youth Activities, Voice of Democracy (VOD) / Teachers Award / Patriot's Pen Doc Higgins: Department has mandated that all of the awards be submitted prior to the Council of Administration (C of A) in December.

"First Responder" Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter Doc): (see above).

Cub Scout Pack 86 Representatives Seth Curtis: Vacant (awaiting new representative)

Boy Scouts Representatives / Joel Bickle: Absent

POW/MIA / Shannon Sutton: Dates submitted to 51 FW/CC to hold events week of 11 - 15 September. Approved by Wing CC. Planning meetings continue. POW/MIA bricks are available for purchase. See VFW Facebook Page for more information.

House Rules Committee Chairman / Van: Excused

Canteen Report / Van: Canteen lost \$600.00 for the month of June.

Safety Chairman Jessica Martinez: Tis the season to get wet....Heavy rains, monsoons are in season in Korea. Be careful where you walk. Be aware of your surroundings. We lost individuals that didn't pay attention and fell in Man Holes.

Women in the Military / Jessica Martinez: "Women in the military are still good" . . . Jessica informed that the "Rogers Fit Workout" memorial for SSgt Cierra Monet Rogers (member of the crew that rescued the Nigerian family from the SED building fire) was dedicated. Our hearts and prayers go out in remembrance of a dedicated veteran. God bless and rest in peace

We want to say **THANK YOU** to Jackie (Maj Jacqueline Johnson) who has been a dedicated member of VFW Post 10216. Jackie is moving on to her goal of teaching. She will be leaving this month and we wish her well.

History / Dave Gley: David has our Post history up to date. Adjutant Ernie and David reviewed and it looks great. It will be reviewed by Post Command Staff, then forwarded to District III Commander for review. Completed report will be forwarded to Department Pacific Areas Commander.

VFW Motorcycle Riders by Chairman Van Hazel: Excused

Remembering of our National Home: Chaplain Billy Q offered remembrance and prayer for our National Home in accordance with VFW tradition and ceremony.

OLD (CLOSED) BUSINESS: None.

New Business: Our comrade Damian will be heading off to the US to the VA in Flagstaff AZ. A motion was made by Robert Chapman and 2nd by Leon to fund \$400.00 for his trip and expenses. Motion carried. Dan made a motion and 2nd by Leon to fund \$200.00 (joint with Cooties \$200.00) to fund a Legacy Life Membership for our Tuskegee Airman, Jim Price. Motion carried. A motion was made and 2nd by Leon to reimburse Rikki Rice \$243.00 for airline ticket he paid to get our comrade Terry Miller to Guam. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- We will continue to donate rice, dry goods and help with maintenance projects at our senior living facility Sun House. Please bring rice / blanket donations to the Post. Commander Max briefed that we will need approximately \$3-5000.00 for the wood deck project and approximately \$4-5000.00 for projects that we would like to begin work on one or two at a time. More to come about ideas for fund raisers to cover these costs. Owen mentioned to the Commander that his church men's group is ready to help with the projects any way they can. Ernie is submitting a \$1000.00 grant request to National to help with the funds for the project.

- SVC Max working submissions to the Department of the Pacific Areas publication Typhoon. Send SVC Max any photos of events VFW members are involved at. See past issues of Typhoon here: <http://www.vfwdeptpacific.org/index.php/typhoon>

Commander Max and Mark Morgan are working to put together the VFW Post 10216 Jim Price Memorial Golf Tournament September 22, 2017. We will be in need of many volunteers, prizes and donations to make this a successful event. Buddy Poppies will also be available for donation at this event.

Jessica Martinez mentioned that she needs all the letters for the Armed Forces Day Parade from this year. She will update and will start to contact units for next year's 2018 parade. "Early Bird Gets the Worm"

Commander Max presented the Department of Pacific Areas 100% Recruiting Streamer for 2017



Commander Max presented the Department of Pacific Areas Adjutant Award to Ernie and Dan and presented to himself (go Commander Max) the Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding Post Membership Chairman Award





Military Order of the Cootie (MOC): The next Cootie scratch is 15 July @ 1330ish at the Post Canteen.

For those who have questions about the Cooties, the Military Order of the Cootie or MOC is considered the "Honored Degree of the VFW". Membership is open to members in good standing in the VFW who have displayed their willingness to work for the parent organization. If you are active in supporting the Post, you may be approached to join this prestigious organization.



CLOSING CEREMONIES:
Chaplain Billy gave the closing
prayer.

- Our next General Membership meeting is 14 August at 1830.

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Dan / Ernie
Post Adjutants

Warren Maxson
Commander